

**STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chairman
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Peter Sadowski (Public Member)
Patrick Kemp (Designated, Natural Resources Agency)
Susan Hansch (Designated, Coastal Commission)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brett Williams for Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi
Assembly Member Luis Alejo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Glenn Alex, Legal Counsel

LOCATION:

Employment Development Department Auditorium
722 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chairman
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Peter Sadowski (Public Member)
Patrick Kemp (Designated, Natural Resources Agency)
Susan Hansch (Designated, Coastal Commission)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2013 CONSERVANCY MEETING

The April 18, 2013 Minutes were moved and seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0.

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3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. BONDE WEIR FISH PASSAGE

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to implement the Bonde Weir Fish Passage Improvement Project on San Francisquito Creek at El Palo Alto Park, at the border of Palo Alto in Santa Clara County and Menlo Park in San Mateo County. Prior to the disbursement of funds, the RCD shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:

1. A work program, including a schedule and budget for the project;
2. The names and qualifications of all contractors to be employed for the project;
3. Evidence that the RCD’s access to the construction site is assured, and that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained; and,
4. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy funding.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area.”

B. SANTA ANA RIVER PARKWAY TRAIL

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the County of San Bernardino (County) for planning and feasibility analysis for construction of a Class I bikeway with pedestrian shoulders over a 3.5-mile segment of the Santa Ana River Parkway Trail corridor from California Street to Orange Street, City of Redlands, County of San Bernardino, specifically:

- Appraisals of access easements over real property (County Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 016702111; 016702119; 016702120; 016702124; 016704101; 016704104; and 016704120);
- Final engineering design; and
- Applications for construction permits.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

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1. Prior to disbursement of funds, the Conservancy's Executive Officer shall review and approve in writing the County's final work program, including a budget and schedule, and any contractors the County proposes to employ for the project.
2. The County shall appraise property at fair market value for possible future purchase only from willing sellers."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California coast.
 2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed project will serve greater-than-local needs."

C. FEMA FLOOD RISK REDUCTION

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes expenditure of up to \$200,000 of Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX grant funds to identify priority needs and actions related to flood risk reduction in coastal counties from San Francisco through San Diego."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Section 31113 of the Public Resources Code regarding addressing the potential impacts of climate change on coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines."

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D. FAIR WAY EXTENSION

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the City of Calistoga for planning and design of a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and Napa Valley Vine Trail, commonly known as the “Fair Way” extension, in the City of Calistoga, Napa County, subject to the condition that no Conservancy funds shall be disbursed until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has approved in writing a final work plan, including a budget and schedule, and any contractors proposed to be used.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the improvement of public access to, within, and around the bay, coast, ridgetops and urban open spaces of the San Francisco Bay area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

E. ISLAIS CREEK ACCESS

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby modifies its December 6, 2012 authorization to the Port of San Francisco to improve the southeast San Francisco waterfront access by removing creosote-treated pilings at Islais Creek and designing plans for the renovation of the Copra Crane at Pier 84 as a waterfront labor history landmark, to also authorize funds to be disbursed for the renovation of the Copra Crane. This authorization is subject to the conditions imposed by the Conservancy’s December 6, 2012 authorization, specified in the staff recommendation attached as Exhibit 1 to the staff recommendation accompanying this resolution.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, sections 31160-31165.”

F. WETLAND PROTOCOL

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to Winrock International to prepare a wetland carbon sequestration protocol that includes both coastal and delta wetlands in California. Prior to disbursement of any funds, Winrock International shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work plan, schedule, budget, and the names of any contractors to be employed.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Public Resources Code Section 31113, regarding climate change.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Winrock International is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

G. ABALONE COVE RESERVE

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$68,180 (sixty eight thousand, one hundred and eighty dollars) to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy to restore and enhance 5 acres of native coastal scrub habitat in the Abalone Cove Reserve in Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County, to implement the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan approved by the Conservancy on August 2, 2001. Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:

- a. A work program, budget, schedule, and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
- b. Evidence that all permits and approvals necessary to the completion of the project have been obtained.

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- c. A proposed signing plan acknowledging the Conservancy's assistance, and consistent with Proposition 12 requirements and the related guidelines developed by the California Natural Resources Agency."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (sections 31251 *et seq.*), regarding coastal resource enhancement projects.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code."

H. SAN DIEGO NATIVE OYSTER RESTORATION PROJECT

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$85, 000 (eighty-five thousand dollars) from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration National and Regional Partnership Grant Program (the NOAA Grant Funds) and the disbursement of up to the full amount of the NOAA Grant Funds to the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA) to prepare a conceptual restoration plan for a native oyster restoration project in San Diego Bay. Prior to the disbursement of any funds, SWIA shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy's Executive Officer a work program, budget, schedule, and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding restoration of

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fish and wildlife habitat within coastal and marine waters, and with Section 31113 of the Public Resources Code, concerning impacts of climate change on coastal resources.

3. The Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

I. MCINNIS MARSH

Resolution:

“Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Sections 31160-31165 of the Public Resources Code: The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to the County of Marin to conduct a feasibility study of restoration of lower Miller Creek and McInnis Marsh along the shore of San Pablo Bay, City of San Rafael, Marin County, subject to the condition that no Conservancy funds shall be disbursed until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has approved in writing:

- a. A final work plan, including a budget and schedule, and
- b. The name and qualifications of any contractors that the County of Marin retains to carry out the project.

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 (Sections 31160-31165) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

J. COMMUNITY WETLAND RESTORATION PROGRAMS

Resolution:

“Pursuant to its August 2, 2012 authorization approving the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program (CWRGP), the State Coastal Conservancy hereby approves the CWRGP 2013 projects as more specifically described in the accompanying staff recommendation. Prior to the disbursement of funds for each project, Earth Island Institute shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:

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- a. A work program, including a project plan, schedule and budget;
- b. All contractors to be employed for the project; and
- c. Evidence that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed projects are consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding enhancement of coastal resources.
3. The Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council, Once Upon a Watershed, Ventura Hillside Conservancy, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Heal the Bay, Back to Natives Restoration, Earthroots, Heritage Museum of Orange County and the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation all are nonprofit organizations existing under Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Consent Items were moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

4. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Executive Officer distributed San Francisco Bay Trail maps and other coastal county maps.

Executive Officer announced that the next several board agendas could be longer than the current as a result of several grant rounds.

- A. Matt Gerhart of the Coastal Conservancy gave an update on the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)
- B. Deborah Ruddock of the Coastal Conservancy gave the June Legislative Report

NORTH COAST

5. **OCEAN RANCH UNIT**

Michael Bowen of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one hundred sixty thousand seven hundred and seventeen dollars (\$160,717) to Ducks Unlimited to prepare a feasibility study and initial designs for the restoration of tidal processes at the 375-acre Eel River Wildlife Area Ocean Ranch Unit, property owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of funds, Ducks Unlimited shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work program including a schedule and budget for the project, and the names and qualifications of all contractors to be employed for the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource enhancement.
3. The proposed project area is identified in Humboldt County's Local Coastal Plan Eel River Area as requiring public action to resolve resource protection problems.
4. Ducks Unlimited is a nonprofit organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

SOUTH COAST

6. SAN DIEGO RIVER

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Board member Peter Sadowski asked why there were no support letters from San Diego.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the San Diego River Conservancy to complete non-native, invasive plant eradication on approximately 50 acres in the upper watershed of the San Diego River, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds, the San Diego River Conservancy shall submit for review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work program, budget, schedule, and the names of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the work.

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2. The grantee shall provide evidence that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.
3. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining at the project site or other appropriate location in the watershed a sign or signs, the design, placement and duration of which shall be approved by the Executive Officer.
4. The San Diego River Conservancy shall implement or cause to be implemented the mitigation and reporting measures identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the San Diego River Watershed Invasive Non-native Plant Control and Habitat Restoration Program, approved on September 3, 2009 and the accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding integrated coastal and marine resources protection.
3. The proposed project is consistent with applicable local watershed management plans and water quality control plans.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration approved by the San Diego River Conservancy on September 3, 2009 (Exhibit 3) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Exhibit 4) with respect to the eradication of invasive species in the upper San Diego River Watershed. The Conservancy finds that the project as conditioned avoids, reduces, or mitigates the possible significant environmental effects to a level of insignificance, and there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

7. BAYSIDE BIRDING AND WALKING TRAIL

Megan Cooper of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby augments by up to two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000) its May 27, 2010 authorization to disburse \$300,000 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to construct a portion of the Bayside Birding and Walking Trail in the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge, San Diego County. The disbursement of funds for this project remains subject to the conditions of the Conservancy's May 27, 2010 authorization."

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Findings:

1. The proposed project remains consistent with the Conservancy's findings adopted on May 27, 2010 as set forth in Exhibit 3 to the accompanying staff report.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines as revised on November 10, 2011.
3. The proposed authorization does not require additional documentation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act."

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

8. ALISO AND WOOD CANYON PARKING TRAIL

Deborah Ruddock of the Coastal Conservancy presented the staff Recommendation.

Power Point presentation was given by: Ernest Seidel, Project Manager, OC Parks

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of two hundred four thousand dollars (\$204,000) to the City of Laguna Beach ("City") for projects in the City that will facilitate public access to the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, including (1) design and construction of parking improvements, and (2) planning and design of a new trail connection, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for the projects, the City shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy ("Executive Officer") a final work plan for each project, including the names of any subcontractors to be used in the completion of the project, and a project schedule and budget.
2. Prior to construction, the City shall submit evidence that it has obtained all necessary permits and approvals.
3. The City shall acknowledge Conservancy and "Proposition 12" funding by erecting and maintaining a sign in connection with each project, the design and location of which has been approved by the Executive Officer."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31400 – 31409), with respect to public access. The proposed projects are consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
 2. The proposed projects will serve more than local public needs. “
- Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

9. ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS PUBLIC ACCESS

Deborah Ruddock of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of six hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$675,000) to the County of Orange (“County”) for public access improvements at the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, including (1) construction of new trails, parking and circulation improvements, native landscaping, signage, and visitor amenities; and (2) planning and design of new visitor-serving and administrative buildings, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of Conservancy funds for each component of the project, the County shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (“Executive Officer”) a final work plan, including the names of any subcontractors to be used in the completion of the project, a project schedule and budget, and evidence that the County has obtained all necessary permits and approvals.
2. The County shall acknowledge Conservancy and “Proposition 12” funding by erecting and maintaining a sign or signs on the property, the design and location of which has been approved by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (Sections 31400 – 31409), with respect to public access to and along the coast.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed project will serve more than local public needs.
4. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park Resource Management

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Plan, adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on August 4, 2009 under the California Environmental Quality Act and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, and finds that the construction component of the proposed project, as mitigated, avoids, reduces or mitigates the possible significant environmental effects and that there is no substantial evidence that this project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

10, COASTAL STORM MODEL

Joan Cardellino of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Presenting a Power point presentation to the Board: Patrick Barnard, U.S. Geological Survey.

Speaking in support of the Staff Recommendation: Phyllis Grifman, University of Southern California, Sea Grant Program.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to \$300,000 to the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Southern California Sea Grant Program to develop a coastal storm model to support coastal hazard and sea level rise vulnerability assessments in the Southern California area.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code regarding addressing the potential impacts of climate change on coastal resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The University of Southern California is an organization existing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

11. SCRIPPS COASTAL TRAIL

David Hayes of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

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David Hayes presented the project and noted for the record a substitute Exhibit 4, Initial Study, Scripps Coastal Meander Trail (revised March 2013) prepared by the University of California, San Diego with minor, nonsubstantive revisions.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) to Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), University of California, San Diego, to prepare final plans and construction drawings and to construct a California Coastal Trail segment on the SIO campus and to install directional and interpretive signage on the trail, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for construction, SIO shall submit for review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy the following:
 - a. A work program, including budget and schedule.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed for these tasks.
 - c. Evidence that SIO has obtained all necessary permits and approvals, and all other funds necessary to complete the project.
 - d. A signage plan for the project, including acknowledgment of Conservancy participation, and designation of the project as a segment of the California Coastal Trail.
2. To the extent appropriate, the grantee shall ensure that the project improvements are consistent with the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development’ and with all applicable federal or state laws governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The proposed project meets greater-than-local needs.
4. The environmental effects associated with the project and the measures to reduce or avoid those effects were fully identified and considered in the “University of California, San Diego (UCSD) 2004 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact

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Report (EIR), as updated by the East Campus Bed Tower (ECBT) EIR certified by UCSD in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act in July 2010. (See Exhibit 4 to the accompanying staff recommendation) and all measures required by EIR to avoid or reduce potentially significant impacts have been incorporated into the project. Accordingly, no additional environmental documentation is required under the California Environmental Quality Act.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

12. CLIMATE ADAPTATION ASSESSMENT

Matt Gerhart of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) hereby authorizes acceptance and disbursement of up to three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000) from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to further the development by the Bay Area Ecosystems Climate Change Consortium (“Consortium”) of climate change adaptation practices and pilot projects.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource and recreation goals of the San Francisco Bay Area, including the protection, restoration and enhancement of natural habitats and connecting corridors, scenic areas, and other open space resources of regional importance, and the ocean and bay.”

13. BAY TRAIL – HAMILTON WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Tom Gandesbery of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) to the Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB) to construct trail enhancements on the San Francisco Bay Trail at the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project site in the City of Novato, Marin County, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, subject to the condition that no Conservancy funds shall be disbursed until the Executive Officer of the Conservancy has approved in writing:

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1. A final work plan, including a budget and schedule.
2. The name and qualifications of any contractors that CCNB intends to retain to carry out the project.
3. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy funding.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 31160-31165, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
3. CCNB is a non-profit organization existing under 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

STATEWIDE

14. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Dick Wayman of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000) to provide consulting services to assist the Conservancy in maximizing and facilitating federal funding of State Coastal Conservancy projects, including federal appropriations and authorization processes and coordination with federal project partners.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 3 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the Executive Officer's authority to carry out the purposes of Division 21 and the Conservancy's ability to apply for and accept federal grants and receive other financial support from public sources."

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

15. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments

16. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments

17. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

18. ADJOURNMENT – Adjourned at 12:19 pm